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## GERMAN GAINS ABOUT VERDUN, FRENCH GAIN IN CHAMPAGNE

REMARKABLE GERMAN OFFENSIVE SAID TO BE MAKING GAINS HOURLY, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT RECEIVED FROM BERLIN.

Serious Breaches Said to Have Been Made in the French Lines By Germans, Who Are Fighting with Unusual Ferocity in Presence of Their Emperor—French Lines Broken on the Woivre Plains and Germans are Pursuing Fleeing French There—Two Hundred Yards Gained in Champagne by the French Troops—French Declare that German Attacks East of Beaumont Failed Despite Repetition of Assaults and that Slaughter of Germans There was Tremendous—French Express Confidence that Verdun Will Hold Out Against Germans. Italians Admit Evacuation of Durazzo.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The tremendous German offensive at Verdun is gaining hourly, and serious breaches have been made in the French lines. In the presence of the kaiser, the Germans captured the hills northwest of Louvre Mont, an official statement says. The French resistance has been broken on the Woivre plain, and the Germans are pursuing the retreating enemy.

The statement says the French penetrated two hundred yards of front in Champagne.

**Fort Douaumont Taken.**  
London, Feb. 26.—The Germans officially announce the capture by storm of Fort Douaumont, a Verdun fortification, which is now firmly held. The capture of Fort Douaumont is the most important achievement since the Verdun drive was inaugurated and which for its magnitude and weight of men and material has few precedents in the history of the war.

A French statement says the Germans continue their violent assault without regard to sacrifices. The French war office is confident that Verdun will hold. The Verdun Fortress is the seat of solid field work on a hill one thousand feet high.

Reuter Petrograd dispatch says the Russians stormed and captured Karmancha, an important Persian city. The Portuguese premier in Lisbon urged the government to lapse the existing treaty with Germany and prepare for all eventualities. This followed the statement that attacks had been made to blow the German steamers required by Portugal. Bombs were found by the Portuguese authorities.

Advices from Albania, which German sources predicted the early fall of Durazzo as a result of the defeat of Italy by the Austrians.

**Italy Admits Evacuation.**  
Rome, Feb. 26.—The report from Durazzo, the Albanian port on the Adriatic, has been evacuated by the Italians is confirmed.

**Two Steamers Sunk.**  
London, Feb. 26.—Lloyd's announces the sinking of the British steamer of 3,000 tons, and the Tummel of 1,000 tons. Seven of the crew are missing.

**German Losses Enormous.**  
London, Feb. 26.—The great battle of the French and Germans for possession of Verdun continues. Heavy losses have been sustained on both sides. The Germans claim to have killed more than 10,000 prisoners. The big drive began and the reports claim that the Germans exceed 150,000 men, and the French lines are still unbroken. The Germans attack late in the day was repulsed with heavy losses. The artillery duel which has been going on since that time is still in progress.

Italy is also the mother of progress.

## DEFENDANTS ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

SEVENTEEN DEFENDANTS IN LIQUOR CASES ARRAIGNED, ALL WAIVED EXAMINATION AND PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Friday afternoon seventeen defendants charged with offenses against the prohibitory laws of the state were arraigned in district court, and all waived and entered a plea of not guilty. They were all required to give bond in the amount of \$2,000 for each offense, and were placed in charge of the sheriff until the said bond was made. All succeeded in complying with the mandates of the court before night, and were released.

In the first case called, the attorney for the defendant entered a motion to quash the information, which was overruled, a demurrer was also filed which was also overruled; then in behalf of the client the attorney waived and entered a plea of not guilty. This same rule applied to every case introduced with the above result. All these cases will be tried at the coming term of district court which convenes Monday morning.

One defendant entered a plea of guilty on a liquor charge and by agreement was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and serve thirty days in jail. In other criminal cases five bonds were forfeited and alias warrants issued, while eight others charged with various criminal offenses waived and entered pleas of not guilty.

The court of inquiry was busy up to last night, and several other cases were added to the original docket. When the bonds of defendants in liquor cases were raised Friday it caused some tall hustling on the part of some of the defendants, as some had as many as four charges lodged against them which necessitated the raising of a heavy bond on their part.

### MEXICAN BANDITS AGAIN

Nine Valuable Horses Taken from Ranch Northeast of Laredo.  
Laredo, Texas, Feb. 26.—Masked Mexican bandits robbed the ranch of Ygnacio Benvides, sixty miles north-east of here Tuesday night. It became known today, taking nine valuable horses, binding and gagging the cowboy attendant, and rode toward the Rio Grande.

### ILL AT SAME TIME; DIE AT SAME TIME

Brookfield, Mo., Feb. 25.—James Campbell and his wife, both 80 years old, who were stricken with gripe at the same time a week ago, died today at almost the same hour. They had been married 68 years.

### Former Merchant is Sentenced.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 26.—In the United States court here today, Judge Cotterall sentenced H. S. Lubowitz, an Oklahoma City merchant, to fourteen months in the federal penitentiary after conviction on a charge of holding out assets in a bankruptcy action.

## PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WANTS TO SEE CITIZENS DISPLAY LIBERAL SPIRIT IN THE ERECTION OF HOTEL — PROSPECTS GOOD.

J. S. Mullen, president of the Chamber of Commerce, spent all of Friday with various property owners who own Main street property, in an effort to get several sites where a hotel might be erected, in the event capital can be interested, and he stated yesterday morning that there is a general disposition on the part of most of them to be liberal in their demands, realizing that a big hotel will be a big asset to the city, while others he stated, were inclined to want more than the property is really worth, thinking it was a good time to "put on the squeeze."

Mr. Mullen stated that one thing is certain,—that the hotel committee is not going to stand for a "holdup." If the property they finally decided upon was boosted beyond reason, they would decide upon some other site, and there are several that can be purchased, and all in good locations, at a figure commensurate with their worth.

B. A. Simpson left for Tulsa Friday afternoon and while there he will talk the hotel matter over with several wealthy persons who have made inquiries about a big hotel here, and who are evidently interested. Mr. Simpson has all figures, plans and locations ready to present to these parties, and also show what Ardmore needs in the way of a hotel.

Joe Huckins, who was here a few days ago, sounded the right chord when he advocated a hotel of not less than 125 rooms, and this suggestion seems to meet with the hearty approval of all who are interested in the hotel proposition.

J. R. Sharp, millionaire oil operator, was in the city yesterday in conference with President Mullen of the chamber of commerce relative to a hotel. He does not care to have his proposition made public at this time, but stated that he would build a hotel in this city of 125 rooms, if the citizens really wanted such a structure. He, however, is going to have a lot to say as to where the hotel will be located, and the general plans thereof. He further states that he has a man who will take a long time lease on this structure at \$12,000 per year.

President Mullen stated yesterday that he was not ready to detail plans to the public yet, but the committee were considering several propositions, and he felt confident that a hotel would be well under way in his city before many months elapsed.

### Will Move to Ardmore.

John C. Wolfe, Jr., of Oklahoma City, was here yesterday visiting with the Purcell Wholesale Grocery Company and incidentally spent a portion of the day with his former Kentucky friend Lee Cruce. Mr. Wolfe represents the interests of the Yale coffee people in Oklahoma, and the Purcell Grocery Company is the general distributor in the state. For that reason Mr. Wolfe is planning to move to this city.

### Basket Ball at Sulphur.

The high school basket ball team left here yesterday for Sulphur for a game with the school in that city. Among those who left here for the game were Misses Jay Moore, Saleta Fielder, Bonnie Dutton, Verna Freeman, Frances Gorman, Cora Dyer and Elizabeth Dyer. Prof. Mead and Prof. Buchanan accompanied them.

### The School at Cheek

W. L. Harris, teacher at Cheek, was an Ardmore visitor yesterday. Mr. Harris says, Cheek has the largest enrollment this year it has ever had and this term is the first that has required the use of an assistant teacher. Mrs. Frank Little, whose home is at Rocky Point is assistant teacher. Of the gain of 1200 pupils in the county it seems that Cheek has received its full part.

## LONE GROVE AND WILSON TAKE HONORS

CRACK SPELLERS FROM THE TWO SCHOOLS WILL COMPETE WITH OTHER SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN COUNTIES AT DURANT.

Friday night at the office of the county superintendent of schools a spelling contest was held to select a team of five pupils to compete at Durant April 14th, when representatives from all schools in the southern portion will compete for prizes.

The successful ones Friday night were Pearl, Eddie, and Katie Fisher and James Sullivan of Lone Grove, and Essie Snow of Wilson.

Carter county has developed some phenoms in the spelling line in the last few years and whenever they enter a contest, they are almost sure to bring home one or more of the prizes.

The Carter county teachers' association was in session Friday and Saturday at the high school, about 75 teachers from the county outside of Ardmore were in attendance and a very attractive program was given. Superintendent Thurston is gratified at the result of the meeting and states that the teachers will be better equipped to perform their duties this season for having attended.

### Prof. Faulkner's Address.

(By A. A. Bagwell)

Prof. A. S. Faulkner, president of the southeastern state normal, delivered an address to the Carter county teachers' organization on Friday last, which was truly remarkable and practical.

Speaking of the present unrest, he showed that such a condition was historically characteristic of changing epochs. The time when men were blindly partisan and loyal to political or religious organizations and traditions is passing.

Men are measuring their support to institutions by the results obtained or indicated by those institutions in view of the supporters' needs. The acid test of results is being applied more and more.

This, again, is characteristic of a changing epoch. These epochs, however, are not sharply marked in their boundaries. One does not go to bed at night in one epoch and awake next day in another epoch. Epochs overlap and merge into each other. The changes are gradual.

This unrest and change is present in education as in other social activities, and to education is being put the acid test of results. At present education is going over the past knowledge and remodeling and adapting it to meet the new needs arising from new conditions.

Two contending ideas are active in education,—the cultural and the vocational or practical.

One theory contends that the culture of the mind, without direct reference to the ability as a breadwinner or producer, is the object of education. This theory speaks of a liberal education. This term harks back to the times when the free men were given a classical education or against the practical education given to the slaves as producers. Since the slaves did all the producing, the only object of education in the Grecian age for the freeman was for cultural effect. The vocational or practical education was for the slaves only.

President Faulkner asserted that social development had obliterated this distinction. He contended that the cultural and vocational should blend, that culture comes only from doing a thing thoroughly, that we must acquire the cultural through the vocational. The cultured mind is the efficient mind and the efficient mind is the cultured mind.

Scientific, literary, aesthetic, institutional and religious are the five lines of human development. Any course of educational study must be chosen from these. These are the phases of education and progress.

In choosing the course of study from these lines, one must be deter-

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## CONGRESS AWAITS DISCUSSION OF BERNSTORFF AND LANSING

WITH APPARENT QUIETING OF ARMED SHIP SITUATION IN CONGRESS, SUBMARINE CRISIS SHIFTS BACK TO LANSING.

Secretary of State Announces One Entente Power has Replied to Suggestion for Disarmament of Merchant Ships, But Declines to Give Nature of Reply or Tell What Power Made Reply—General Belief that it is Italy and that the Italian Government Refuses to Agree to Such Plan—Pointed Out Today that Alien Liners are Pledged Not to Use Armament Except for Defense, When Clearing from American Ports—Confidential Advices From Berlin Say, Germany May Ask Discussion of What Constitutes Defensive Armament for Merchant Ships.

## DOPE FIENDS AND PEDDLERS BE CAREFUL

INVESTIGATION GOING ON AND SOMEONE IS LIKELY TO GET "STUNG" UNDER TERMS OF NEW DRUG ACT.

It is an open secret that more or less "dope" of all kinds is finding its way to the addicts of the drug in this city, and it is also apparent to the state and national officials that some action must be taken to put a stop to the traffic and make an example of a few who are operating in defiance of law. A deputy collector for the state of Oklahoma, whose name, for various reasons, is withheld, has been in the city for several days making an investigation, and he is about ready to spring a trap that will surprise certain parties who imagine themselves immune from arrest.

In speaking of this traffic yesterday, this man was very outspoken in his determination to stamp out the evil to a great extent in this city, and some who heretofore have been dealing out a little on the quiet, will no doubt receive a surprise within a few days.

The Harrison drug act, he says, is one of the best measures ever adopted to stamp out the drug evil, and in the great centers of population, where even children were addicted to the habit, it has worked wonders. He states that Oklahoma might as well be free of this evil now as later, and he is going to do his best to get a few who are suspected of dealing in the contraband here, before he finishes his work.

### DEBS HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Socialist Leader and Orator Will Speak at Robison Opera House

Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader and orator from Indiana, will be here speak at the Robison Opera House, next Friday night, March 3, and will The members of his party here are making elaborate preparations for his entertainment and it is expected that a vast number of people will hear him. Eugene V. Debs is a national figure, he is a logical speaker and the usual ranting which accompanies many socialists' talks are always absent from the Debs meetings.

The socialist county convention will be held in Ardmore on Friday before the speaking at night, and a full county ticket will be nominated for the election this fall.

### Galt Won Cash Prize.

James E. Galt, clerk of the Ardmore W. O. W. camp, has received a check for \$25 from the Sovereign Commander, which was offered as a prize to the Woodmen clerks of Oklahoma, and was to be awarded to the clerk who maintained the lowest percentage of suspensions for the months of October, November and December. The local camp at that time had 880 members, and the suspension list was held below 3 per cent. The camp now has more than 1,000 members.

Possibly the Filipinos will perverse-

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Secretary Lansing announced today that one entente power has replied to the suggestion for disarmament on merchant ships, but declined to give the nature of the reply or tell from whence it came, saying that probably he would make the replies public when all have been received.

Although Secretary Lansing declined to tell what power had made the reply, it was learned that Italy has replied and that her answer was argumentative rather than conclusive.

It was pointed out that alien liners are pledged to the use of armament except for defense, when clearing from American ports.

Confidential advices from Berlin say that Germany may ask for a discussion of what constitutes defensive armament and if the question is raised, Lansing says, the United States may discuss.

With the apparent quieting of the armed ship situation in congress, the submarine question shifts back to the negotiations between Bernstorff and Lansing.

### Austria Makes Reply

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Austria informs the United States, the commander of the submarine attacking the American tanker Petrolite in the Mediterranean thought the ship was disguised under the American flag, that he fired as the ship changed its course, as he believed it was intending to ram him and that the Petrolite's captain voluntarily furnished provisions to the submersible. This information answers the supplementary United States request for more data on the event.

### URGENT APPEAL FOR VICTIMS

Men, Women and Children Almost Starving in Concordia Parish  
New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—An urgent appeal for the flood victims of Concordia Parish, where men, women and children are almost starving and are clinging to the sides of the levees and house tops, was received by the relief committee here today.

### CITY MANAGER QUILTS

Sherman's City Manager Plan Not the Success Expected of it.  
Sherman, Texas, Feb. 26.—Earl M. Mitchell, city manager of Sherman since the new government was affected eight months ago, resigned today on account of differences of opinion with the city commission.

### WHEAT STILL DROPPING

Verdun Reports Cause Decline and Denial Does Not Bolster Price.  
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—On the report that Verdun has fallen, wheat precipitated five and one-half points today. Denials of the rumors failed to check the downward plunge.

### WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair and warmer in the western portion.